

internment of individuals and families during World War II. **Pages H778–84**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:33 p.m. **Page H785**

National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: By unanimous consent the House passed S. 2136, to extend the final report date and termination date of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H785**

Rule for Consideration of Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004: The House agreed to H. Res. 546, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3752, to promote the development of the emerging commercial human space flight industry, to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, by a voice vote. **Pages H785–86**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:32 p.m. and reconvened at 4:08 p.m. **Pages H789–90**

United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003—Order of Business: Agreed by unanimous consent that the amendment placed at the desk be considered as the amendment printed in H. Rept. 108–431 and numbered 1.

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United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 1561, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees, by a yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 28 nays, Roll No. 38. **Pages H793–S804**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H799**

Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner amendment that creates a “refund” program to eliminate the potential for diverting PTO revenue to non-PTO revenue programs and sets other regulations on patent searches (agreed to by voice vote). **Pages H801–03**

H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 4. **Page H804**

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on Inter-

national Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–168). **Page H784**

Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears today on page H755.

Senate Referral: S. 2136 was held at the desk.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H831.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls. **Pages H787, H787–88, H788–89, H789, H803**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Approved Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FHA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; Joyce N. Fleischman, Deputy Inspector General; Robert W. Young, Jr., Assistant Inspector General, Audit; Jon E. Novak, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Investigations; Delmas R. Thornsbury, Director, Resources Management Division; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on P–16 Education Systems. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Family Housing Privatization. Testimony was heard from William A. Armbruster, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Privatization and Partnerships, Department of the Army.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Central Command Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Gen. John Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

**TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Transportation. Testimony was heard from Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

**VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of HUD: Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; and John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
BUDGET REQUEST—DOD**

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: General John Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
BUDGET REQUEST**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense Capabilities for Conducting Conventional Long-range Strike Operations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment (J8), Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; and Rear Adm. Mark P. Fitzgerald, USN, Director, Air Warfare, Staff, Chief of Naval Operations; and the following officials of the Congress-

sional Research Services, Library of Congress: Christopher Bolkcom; and Ronald O'Rourke, both Specialists in National Defense.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
BUDGET REQUEST**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Principal Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, USAF, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, USA, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service Command; Rear Adm. William J. Maguire, USN, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; and Michael P. Downs, USMC, Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Members' Day. Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Alaska, Hunter, Skelton, Evans, LoBiondo, Kirk, Hayes, Mica, Herger, Tiahrt, Ehlers, Bordallo, Radanovich, Ryan of Wisconsin, Rogers of Alabama, Case, Blackburn, Issa, Shaw, Alexander, Ross, Miller of Florida, Holt and Biggert.

**"NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: IMPROVING
RESULTS FOR CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES"**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "No Child Left Behind: Improving Results for Children with Disabilities." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE
BUSINESS**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3717, amended, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004; H.R. 3261, unfavorably, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act; H.R. 3658, amended, Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act; H. Res. 522, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about heart disease and the risk factors of heart disease among women; S. 1881, amended, Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act; and H.R. 3872, Consumer Access to Information Act of 2004.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

STOCK OPTION ACCOUNTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FINANCIAL REPORT U.S. GOVERNMENT FISCAL YEAR 2003

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on “Financial Report of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2003.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Linda M. Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

FEDERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Federal Information Technology Investment Management, Strategic Planning, and Performance Measurement: 60 Billion Reasons Why.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the OMB: Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director, Management and Budget; and Karen S. Evans, Administrator, E-Government and Information Technology; and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO.

RESOLUTION REGARDING DEATH OF MACEDONIAN PRESIDENT; U.S. PRIORITIES IN EUROPE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action H. Res. 540, Expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives for the untimely death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. Priorities in Europe. Testimony was heard from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

SITUATION IN HAITI

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on The Situation in Haiti. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western

Hemisphere Affairs; Arthur E. Dewey, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, AID; Timothy M. Carney, former U.S. Ambassador to Haiti; and public witnesses.

“MINERALS AND ENERGY; OUTSOURCING AMERICAN JOBS OVERSEAS”

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled “Minerals and Energy: Outsourcing American Jobs Overseas.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REVIEW—HYDROGEN FUEL AND FREEDOMCAR INITIATIVES

Committee on Science: Held a hearing to Review the Hydrogen Fuel and FreedomCAR Initiatives. Testimony was heard from David K. Garman, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

DOD INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Department of Defense Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

ENABLING INFORMATION SHARING ACROSS INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Enabling Information Sharing Across the Intelligence Community. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DIRECTORATE BUDGET

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled “Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate Fiscal Year 2005 Budget.” Testimony was heard from Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.